

REMARKS

Objections

Objections to the Drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a)

The Examiner objected to the drawings, stating that the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. In particular, the Examiner stated that the claimed production of an abstract of a semantic description and a structure representing an abstract of the semantic description are not shown in any drawing. Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to Figure 2, blocks 214, 216 and 218, which are described at paragraphs 79-80 of the specification:

At block 214, unlike conventional techniques, user 102 may drag ***other descriptions, in particular, concepts or semantic descriptions*** for use as context. More specifically, user 102 determines a match for both the entity in the concept, and for a relationship the entity has with the concept, ***to build a graph that links the entity to one or more portions of the concept to produce a description of the audiovisual information.*** In addition, one or more interior structures of the concept may be referenced from all entities in the semantic description.

At block 216, in a further aspect, the concepts are further used for analogies. That is, other descriptions may be analogized to the present situation. In addition, user 102 may drag previously created "clip art" style descriptions. Advantageously, ***links are then created to these contexts, analogies, and clip art to produce a rich description*** of the wedding video.

At block 218, user 102 ***saves an abstract form of description*** in database 110 wherein the description can be retrieved for later use via search engine 108. This abstract may be used as a template for further searches. ***Moreover, the abstract can be stored as a dictionary or classification schemes for combination with other stored descriptions.*** Another technique for developing the classification schemes is to store links between the entities as classification schemes. Each classification scheme contains a description field which may then be augmented to allow description of a term by employing a concept.
[emphasis added]

Applicant respectfully submits that Figure 2 and the accompanying description would easily be understood by one of skill in the art as illustrating the claimed creation of an abstract of a semantic description and its storage as a structure, e.g. a dictionary or classification schemes.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a).

Rejections

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 1-22

Claims 1-22 stand rejected under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 for failure to comply with the enablement requirement. The Examiner's arguments for the § 112 rejection parallel his arguments in objecting to the drawings. Applicant respectfully submits that the Figure 2 and the paragraphs of the specification set forth above do provide an enabling disclosure for the claimed subject matter.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under § 112, first paragraph.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that independent claims 1, 4, 7, 12 and 15, and claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8-10, 13, 14, 16 and 17 that depend from them, are allowable if the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph is overcome. In view of remarks above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-10 and 12-17 are now in condition for allowance, and request allowance of claims 1-10 and 12-17. Claims 11 and 18-22 have been cancelled.

SUMMARY

Claims 1-10 and 12-17 are currently pending. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner determines the prompt allowance of these claims could be facilitated by a telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to contact Sue Holloway at (408) 720-8300 x309.

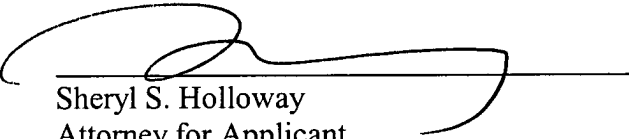
Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicant hereby requests such extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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